

WYCOMBE TRIUMPH IN CLOSE GAME

Sports Mail Special Report

WITH both Wycombe and Tooting tussling among the Isthmian League leaders, today's encounter at the Tooting ground was played at a cracking pace and Wycombe carried all before them after the interval for a 5—2 victory.

Tooting and Mitcham: Guy; Holder, Fillery; Greatorex, Robertson, Hemphery; Jelly, Flood, Johnson, Goldrick, Green. Substitute: Jeffreys.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Roystone, Beck; Baker, Rundelo, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Baits, Horseman, Merrick. Substitute: Priestley.

Referee: E. Press (Hemel Hempstead).

Wanderers held territorial advantage. Bates hit the cross-bar with a hard drive after going close with a low shot.

In the 14th minute Wycombe were awarded a penalty but Bates' spot kick was brilliantly saved by Guy who threw himself to his right.

Wycombe's misfortune was put to rights six minutes later when SAMUELS scored off a defender from close range.

A brand of fast attacking football by Wycombe earned applause—and so did a hard shot by Goldrick that Maskell did well to save.

Roystone had to receive attention in the 37th minute but continued.

Tooting came back into the game and after two attacks that came to nothing FLOOD equalised with a hard shot in the 42nd minute.

But within a minute GALE regained Wycombe's lead with a grand long shot that gave Guy no chance.

Half-time: Tooting and Mitcham 1, Wycombe Wan. 2.

Wycombe's winger MERRICK scored his first league goal of the season with a well-placed shot eight minutes after the breather when he moved into position well to gather a Worley centre.

In the 60th minute Merrick almost got his second but Guy, who had looked shaky on occasions, pulled off a brilliant diving save.

HORSEMAN made it 4—2 for Wycombe with a brilliantly-taken goal. Breaking away on his own he drew the goalkeeper and shot home from an acute angle.

BATES scored Wycombe's fifth from a penalty in the 89th minute.

RESULT:

TOOTING & MITCHAM	2
WYCOMBE W.	5